been providing several incentives/ assistance for encouraging deep sea fishing with a veiw to enhance our fish exports;

(b) if so, whether it had fixed a target number of deep sea fishing trawlers, indigenous or imported, for addition to the Indian fleet during the Seventh Plan period; if so, the number of indigenous and imported trawlers added year-wise during the plan period;

(c) the amount disbursed by Government year-wise during this period as assistance for acquiring new deep sea fishing trawlers, to individual entrepreneurs, fishermen's co-operatives, partnership firms and private and public limited companies; and

(d) the quantum of loans recovered so far out of it?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Reinstatement of employees in State Bank of Indore

986. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some employees were reinstated in the State Bank of Indore recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of those who have been re-employed were complaints against the Management;

(c) whether the employees were forced to give undertakings on their re-employment; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor and also the reasons for which such employees were asked to forego their old service and unpaid wages?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) to (d) State Bank of Indore has reported that one ex-employee of the bank was re-employed in service, taking a compassionate view of his request application and that the complants if any, made by him do not have any relevance to its decision. According to it, the person was not forced to give any undertaking on his re-employment. but this being a case of re-employ ment on compassionate grounds, he accepted unconditionally the terms offered to him by the Bank. The bank further reported that this being a case of fresh employment, the question of payment of back wages or benefits of old service does not arise.

Nominal effective Exchange Rate Index

987. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the extent to which the nominal effective exchange rate index declined during December, 1989 and during January to March, 1990 over the index during the preceding months and what is the latest index reading available; and

(b) what steps are being taken to stabilize the rupee value?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) The Government of India does not compile any exchange rate index. However, the rupee's value in terms of the SDR & major currencies for the required period is given below:

(Period Average)

	SDR/ RE	PD.STG./ RE	DOL./ RE	D.M./ RE	YEN/ RE
Nov. 1989	21.61	26.62	16.92	9.25	0.12
Dec. 1989	22.06	27.05	16.95	9.75	0.12
Jan. 1990	22.41	27.99	16.99	10.04	0.12
Feb. 1990	22.56	28.83	17.01	10.15	0.12
Mar. 1990	22.28	27.83	17.12	10.04	0.11

(b) The exchange rate of the rupee is fixed with reference to the value of a basket of currencies, mainly of countries which are India's major trading partners. In a regime of floating exchange rates, upward or downward movements of the value of the rupee, which depends on the flactuations in the value of these currencies, is a normal phenomenon.

Incident of Robberies and Lootings of Banks

988. SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of incidents of bank robberies and lootings were reported in the Capital and other parts of the country in recent months;

(b) if so, what is the number thereof during the last four months and the amount of money involved in each case; and

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to effectively prevent such incidents?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI ANIL SHASTRI): (a) and (b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that 34 incidents of bank robberies/ dacoities including one in the Union Territory of Delhi, involving a total amount of Rs. 159.30 lakhs were reported in the country, during the period from 1-1-90 to 22-4-90.

(c) Bank robberies/dacoities, to a considerable extent, depend on the general security environment in the locality. Security measures implemented by public sector banks are reviewed from time to time and whenever further improvements are considered necessary, requisite guidelines/ instructions are given to the banks. Depending on the risk factor involved, banks have classified their branches, and posted armed guards, installed anti-burglary, robbery devices, etc. wherever necessary.

Clearance of Maddileru Project

989. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Andhra Pradesh Government has sent the project report of Maddileru Project in Anantapur district to Central Water Commission for clearance;

(b) whether the clearance has since been given;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RE-